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G.J. NO. 602
GENERAL NO. 17CR-60190

CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
COUNTY DEPARTMENT
CRIMINAL DIVISION
JULY 2017

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The People of the State of
Illinois
v.

Valdimar C Gray

INDICTMENT FOR
RECKLESS HOMICIDE

TRUE BILL
[Signature]

Foreman of the Grand Jury

WITNESS

Traffic Specialist: Charlie Galey, Star #5598

Filed *[Signature]*, 20 *[Signature]*
Bail \$ _____ Clerk

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CLERK OF COURT
COOK COUNTY, IL

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
COUNTY OF COOK)

The JULY 2017 Grand Jury of the
Circuit Court of Cook County,

The Grand Jurors chosen, selected and sworn, in and for the County of Cook, in the State of Illinois, in the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois, upon their oaths present that on or about December 22, 2016 at and within the County of Cook

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committed the offense of RECKLESS HOMICIDE

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IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 720 ACT 5 SECTION 9-3(a) OF THE ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES 1992 AS AMENDED, AND

contrary to the Statute and against the peace and dignity of the same People of the State of Illinois.

COUNT NUMBER 1
CASE NUMBER 17CR-60190
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DATE		BOND #
IR 2339084		CB 19413514

THE PEOPLE OF THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS

or

CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE

Gray C Valderrama
VS
DEFENDANT

DATE	JUDGE	ORDERS ENTERED	CASE FILE REVIEWED
6-23-17		WT / 700,000	DATE INITIAL
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First Municipal District - Criminal

Sheet # 0001	Defendant Sheet # 0001 OF 0001	CRIMINAL DISPOSITION SHEET			Branch/Room/Location 1166 BRANCH 66 RM 101 100 CHICAGO POLICE DEPT			CLERK USE ONLY 0001
CASE NUMBER 17110565001		DEFENDANT NAME GRAY, VALDIMAR		ATTORNEY			COURT DATE 08-04-2017	COURT CALL/TIME 7-1200 PM
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Defendant's Signature _____

DISPOSITION entered by (Signature of Deputy Clerk) _____ Pl. or Sub. CT _____ Court Date _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Address (Number and Street) _____ City/Town/Village _____ State _____ Zip _____

Branch No. _____ in Room No. _____ on _____ Street _____ and _____ at _____

1.3 Undergo alcoholism or drug addiction treatment as ordered by the court.

NOTICE TO PERSON PROVIDING BAIL MONEY OTHER THAN THE DEFENDANT:

Provider's Signature: _____

(City District No. or Suburban City, Town, or Village)

(Branch or Suburban Court)

ATTACH THIS COPY TO THE COMPLAINT AND ARREST REPORT OR TO THE

9966

CONDITIONS OF BOND (Continued)

FAILURE TO APPEAR - TRIAL IN ABSENTIA

If you have been charged with an offense that is classified as a felony, your failure to appear constitutes a waiver of your rights to confront witnesses and to be present at your trial. A trial could proceed and if found guilty the court could impose a sentence in your absence.

FAILURE TO APPEAR - BAIL JUMPING:

Your failure to appear may result in the filing of an additional charge of Bail Jumping. Sentences imposed upon conviction for this offense shall be served consecutively to sentences imposed for convictions related to the original offenses for which you were admitted to bail.

FAILURE TO APPEAR - FORFEITURE OF BAIL:

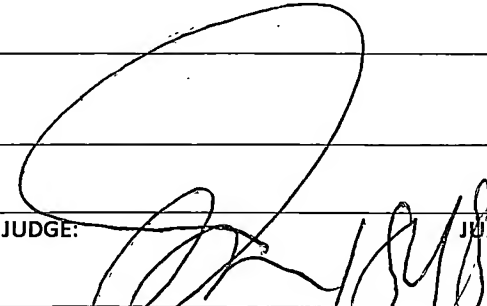
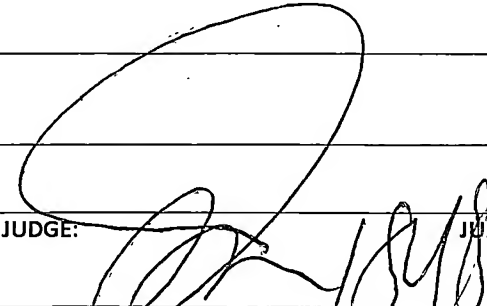
Your failure to appear in court as ordered by the court may result in an arrest warrant issued for your arrest, a forfeiture of your bail money and a judgment for the full amount of the bail set by the court.

VIOLATION OF OTHER CONDITIONS - POSSIBLE PENALTIES:

Violating any of the conditions indicated on the reverse side of this form may result in the issuance of an arrest warrant for your arrest, forfeiture of bail, revocation of bail, imposition of additional conditions, an increase in the bail amount and/or the filing of additional charges. Felony offenses committed while admitted to bail are subject to consecutive sentencing upon conviction relative to a sentence imposed upon conviction of the original offenses for which you were admitted to bail.

NOTICE TO PERSON PROVIDING BAIL MONEY

For information pertaining to bail bonds or hearings related to this matter, contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Bond Information Hotline at (312) 603-4737.

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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

ARREST REPORT

35 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60653

(For use by Chicago Police Department Personnel Only)

CPD-11.420C (REV. 6/30)

FINAL APPROVAL

CB #: 19413514

IR #: 2339084

YD #:

RD #: HZ561406

EVENT #: 1635707973

ARREST REPORTING

Name: GRAY, Valdimar Chester

Res: 3425 W Chicago Ave, #A
Chicago, IL 60624
773-809-2819

Beat: 1121

Male

Black

6' 02"

270 lbs

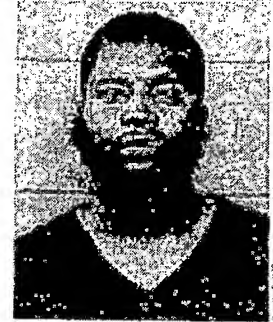
Brown Eyes

Black Hair

Medium Hair Style

Dark Brown

Complexion



Empl: Inpax Shipping - Amazon

2801 S Western Ave

Chicago, IL 60608

Driver - Truck

Beat: 1034

DOB: 28 July 1987

AGE: 29 years

POB: Illinois

STID : 60086387214G - ILLINOIS

ARMED WITH Unarmed

17.105650

Arrest Date: 22 December 2016 15:00

TRR Completed: No

Total No Arrested: 1

Co-Arrests

Assoc Cases

Location: 2800 S Drake Ave

Chicago, IL 60623

304 - Street

Beat: 1032

Dependent Children? No

DCFS Ward ? No

Holding Facility: District 010 Lockup

Resisted Arrest? No

Victim

State Of Illinois

Offense As Cited 625 ILCS 5.0/11-1002-E

RIGHT-WAY/PEDEST/INTERSECTION

Class P -

Offense As Cited 625 ILCS 5.0/3-707-A-5

UNINSURED MTR VEH

Class A - Type M

Offense As Cited 625 ILCS 5.0/6-112

DRIVER'S LICENSE/PERMIT - FAIL TO CARRY/DISPLAY

Class P -

Offense As Cited 9-24-010(B)

STOP AT STOP SIGN

Class L -

Offense As Cited 9-24-010(B)

STOP AT STOP SIGN

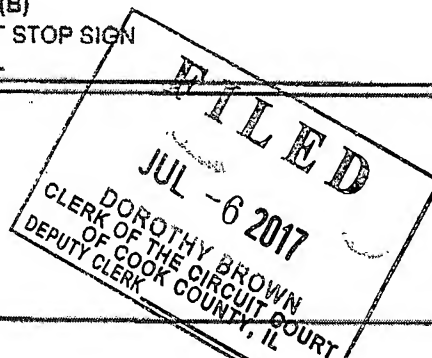
Class L -

State Of Illinois

City Of Chicago

City Of Chicago

NO NARCOTICS RECOVERED

RECOVERED
NARCOTICS

IR #2339084

CB #: 19413514

ARREST REPORTING

(The facts for probable cause to arrest AND to substantiate the charges include, but are not limited to, the following)

INCIDENT NARRATIVE

EVENT #07973 ADDRESS OF ARREST: 2800 S. DRAKE
 A/O'S RESPONDED TO THE SCENE OF A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHERE OFFENDER HAD STRUCK THE VICTIM (ESCAMILLA, TELESFORA DOB 05JAN32) WITH HIS COMPANY'S VEHICLE. UPON ARRIVAL, THE VICTIM HAD ALREADY BEEN REMOVED BY CFD AMB #23 TO MT. SINAI HOSPITAL. BEAT 1031 ALSO RESPONDED AND RELOCATED TO MT SINAI HOSPITAL WHERE THE VICTIM WAS PRONOUNCED DECEASED AT 1501 BY DR. KHOSLA. A/O'S MET WITH WITNESS VARGAS-NONATO WHO RELATED THAT SHE WAS DRIVING BEHIND THE OFFENDER WHO WAS TRAVELING WEST BOUND ON 28TH ST AND OBSERVED THAT HE FAILED TO COME TO A COMPLETE STOP AT THE STOP SIGN POSTED AT 28TH AND ST. LOUIS AND THE STOP SIGN POSTED AT 28TH AND DRAKE. WITNESS FURTHER RELATED THE OFFENDER MADE A LEFT TURN GOING SOUTH ON DRAKE FROM 28TH WHEN HE STRUCK THE VICTIM, WITH THE VEHICLE, AS VICTIM WAS IN THE CROSSWALK. OFFENDER HAS A VALID ILLINOIS DRIVERS LICENSE BUT WAS UNABLE TO PRODUCE IT ON SCENE. OFFENDER WAS ALSO UNABLE TO PRODUCE PROOF OF INSURANCE. OFFENDER WAS PLACED INTO CUSTODY AND TRANSPORTED INTO THE 10TH DISTRICT FOR PROCESSING. A/O'S ADVISED RIGHTS AT 1734 HOURS AND TRAFFIC CRASH WARNING TO MOTORIST AT 1736 HOURS. OFFENDER AGREED TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TESTING. AS OF THIS REPORT, OFFENDER WAS WAITING TO BE TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITAL FOR TESTING. COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, FROM THE CIVIL PROCESS UNIT TANSEY #11350 (773-837-6885) AND WAGNER #10431 (708-305-0522) WERE ON SCENE, RENDERED AID AND NOTIFIED POLICE. ALSO ON SCENE, MAUI INVESTIGATOR ROMAN CZYGRYN #17350

COURT INFO

Desired Court Date: 07 February 2017
 Branch: TRF 4050 W WASHINGTON (DALEY CEN
 Court Sgt Handle? No
 Initial Court Date: 07 February 2017
 Branch: TRF 4050 W WASHINGTON (DALEY CENTER) - Roo
 Docket #:

BOND INFO

Bond Date: 22 December 2016 20:25
 Type: Recognizance
 Receipt #: 18458778
 Amount: \$1,500.00

REPORTING PERSONNEL

ATTESTING OFFICER:

I hereby declare and affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the facts stated herein are accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and/or belief.

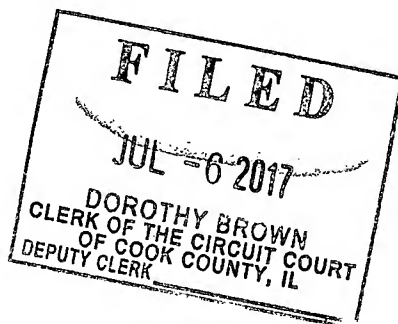
Attesting Officer: #8444 GRANADO, D J (PC0V989) 22 DEC 2016 18:39

ARRESTING OFFICER(S):

1st Arresting Officer:	#8705	KOBYLARCZYK, K (PC0Z896)	Beat
2nd Arresting Officer:	#8444	GRANADO, D J (PC0V989)	1033

APPROVING SUPERVISOR:

Approval of Probable Cause : #2385 ORTIZ, D A (PC0J050) 22 DEC 2016 18:41



ARREST PROCESSING REPORT

VISITOR LOG

NO VISITORS LOGGED

MOVEMENT LOG

Action	By	Destination	Reason
RELEASED BY	#2385 Ortiz, Doralicia A (PC0J050)	22 DEC 2016 19:21 District 010 Lockup	
RECEIVED BY	#8705 Kobylarczyk, Krzysztof	22 DEC 2016 19:21 St. Anthony De Pauda	Blood Test
RECEIVED BY	#2385 Ortiz, Doralicia A (PC0J050)	22 DEC 2016 20:55 District 010 Lockup	Returned

WC COMMENTS

Watch Commander Comments:

DOES NOT APPLY TO THIS ARREST

REL W/O CHARGING

PROCESSING PERSONNEL

ARRESTEE PROCESSING PERSONNEL:

		Beat
Searched By:	MEJIAS, C M (PC0BB18)	
Lockup Keeper:	MEJIAS, C M (PC0BB18)	
Assisting Arresting Officer:	#11714 CERVONE, J V (PC0AW78)	1031
Assisting Arresting Officer:	#2367 CHAMBERS, P (PC0Z893)	1010
Assisting Arresting Officer:	#9672 CALVILLO, S (PC0R941)	1031
Fingerprinted By:	MEJIAS, C M (PC0BB18)	

APPROVAL PERSONNEL:

		Beat
Final Approval of Charges :	#2385 ORTIZ, D A(PC0J050)	22 DEC 2016 20:34

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JUL -6 2017
DOROTHY BROWN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF COOK COUNTY, IL
DEPUTY CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Petitioner

v.

No. 17-105650Gray, Vladimir

Defendant

ORDER FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF BAIL

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT, in the event the Defendant is admitted to bail, he or she shall comply with the special conditions of bail as set forth below:

- ☐ Report to Pretrial Services Unit of the Adult Probation Department and comply with ongoing reporting requirements as determined by Pretrial Services or as specified below:
- Pay up to \$50.00 monthly pretrial supervision fee in accordance with the guidelines of the Adult Probation Department's Pretrial Supervision Fees Instructions.
 - Submit address verification to Pretrial Services at the first office visit.
- ☐ Participate in Pretrial Services Drug Monitoring Program
- ☐ Attend counseling as arranged by Pretrial Services
- ☐ Undergo drug and/or alcohol assessment
- ☐ Participate in a recommended substance abuse program
- ☐ Report to drug treatment facility for inpatient detoxification/treatment
- ☐ Refrain from indulging in intoxicating liquor, illegal drugs or the following drugs: _____
- ☐ Undergo medical or psychiatric treatment.
- ☐ Remain at the address: _____
- during the curfew hours of: _____
- ☐ Remain in the custody of the designated person or organization agreeing to supervise the release of the defendant
- ☐ Surrender his or her Firearm Owner's Identification Card to the Clerk of the Circuit Court within 48 hours following release.
- ☐ Surrender all firearms in his or her possession immediately to the following law enforcement agency: _____
- ☒ Do not possess any firearm or dangerous weapon
- ☒ Do not contact the victim/complainant _____, witness(es) or members of their family(ies): _____
- ☐ Refrain from contacting the victim/complainant for 72 hours following release.
- ☐ Do not enter the premises or the area: _____
- ☐ Refrain from entering the victim's/complainant's _____ residence for 72 hours following release.
- ☐ Vacate the residence located at: _____ until further order of the court.
- ☐ Make payment of temporary child support to his or her dependants.
- ☐ Refrain from contact or communication with child victim as ordered by court.
- ☐ Minor to reside with parents or in foster home, attend school, attend non-residential youth program, contribute to own support (Strike those not applicable.)
- ☐ Be placed in a pretrial bond home supervision capacity with an approved electronic monitoring device.
- ☐ GPS monitoring
- ☐ Report to Adult Probation and comply with GPS requirements in addition to those specified below: _____
- ☐ Surrender his or her passport prior to being admitted to bail.
- ☒ Other as specified: _____
- Defendant is not to drive a motor vehicle.
- No contact with victim's family or witnesses through any means including 3rd parties or social media

VIOLATIONS OF THE CONDITIONS OF BAIL MAY RESULT IN ARREST, INCREASE IN BAIL OR REVOCATION OF BAIL.

ENTERED:

Dated: July 6, 2017

Judge

Judge's No.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CRIMINAL DIVISION/MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT-DISTRICT

LINE No.

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS		NO: 17110565001
VS		SID
VALDIMAR GRAY		IR 2339084

ADDENDUM TO PREVIOUS ORDER SETTING BAIL AND COMMITTING THE DEFENDANT TO THE COOK
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR FAILURE TO DEPOSIT BAIL.

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ORDER

THIS MATTER COMING BEFORE THE COURT AND THE COURT BEING FULLY ADVISED IN THE PREMISES, IT
IS HEREBY ORDERED:

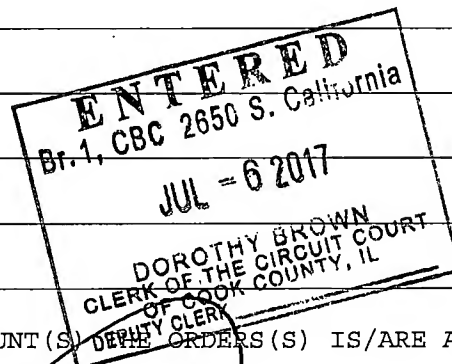
NEXT COURT DATE: 07/27/2017

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DISPOSITION(S) MUST REFLECT WHICH COUNT(S) DEPENDS(S) IS/ARE APPLICABLE

ENTERED JULY 06, 2017

JUDGE

BROWN JAMES R

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DEPUTY CLERK

T MCCLAY WALKER

BRANCH 66

RM 101

ROOM/BRANCH

VERIFIED BY

AT 0900 AM

DOROTHY BROWN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

666.
(Court Branch)

(Court Date)

FELONY

CCCR N662-125M-6/28/02 (23440565)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The People of Illinois
Plaintiff

COMPLAINT FOR PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

v.

NO. 17-105650

Valdimar C. GRAY
Defendant

Investigator C. GALEY #5598 for the State of Illinois

complainant, now appears before

(Complainant's Name Printed or Typed)

The Circuit Court of Cook County and states that

Valdimar C. GRAY

3425 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

has, on or about

(Defendant)

(Address)

December 22, 2016

at

2801 S. Drake Ave., City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois

(Date)

(Place of offense)

committed the offense of

Reckless Homicide (motor vehicle)

in that he she

drove a motor vehicle, to wit: a 2016 Nissan NV4500 van, with a willful and wanton disregard for the safety of

others, to wit: driving too fast for conditions in a residential area, disregarding multiple stop signs, failing to make

a left turn when safe and failing to exercise due care to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, which caused the death of

another, to wit: Telestora ESCAMILLA, an intentionally, with a lawful intent, action,

while driving a motor vehicle, recklessly performed acts as were likely to cause

In violation of

720

ILCS

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9-3(a)

(Chapter)

(Act)

(Section)

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CHARGE CODE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COOK COUNTY

ss.

being first duly sworn, he
complaint by him/her subscribed and that the same is true.

on oath, deposes and says that he she read the foregoing

Subscribed and sworn to before me

22nd day of June

2017

I have examined the above complaint and the person presenting the same and have heard evidence thereon, and am satisfied that there is probable cause for filing same. Leave is given to file said complaint.

Summons Issued,
or
Warrant Issued,
or
Bail set at

Judge

Bail set at, \$300,000.00

Judge

Judge's No.

Judge's No.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Death or
Great
Bodily
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to ~~another~~
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the
death
to
Telestora
Escamilla

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
v.

Case No.

17-105650

Valdimar C. GRAY
(First) (M.I.) (Last)☐ Violation of:☐ Probation
☐ Supervision
☐ Conditional Discharge☐ AMF
☒ Arrest
☐ BFW

ARREST WARRANT

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS TO ALL PEACE OFFICERS IN THE STATE - GREETING:

We command you to arrest Defendant Valdimar C. GRAY
(First) (M.I.) (Last)for the offense(s) of Reckless Homicide (Motor Vehicle)
(Description)720 ILCS 5 / 9-3(a)
(Statutory Citation)

stated in a charge(s) now pending before this court and that you bring him/her instanter before The Circuit Court of Cook County at

2650 South California Avenue 100 9:00 am
(Location) (Room) (Call or Time)

or, if I am absent or unable to act, the nearest or most accessible court in Cook County or, if this warrant is executed in a county other than Cook, before the nearest or most accessible judge in the county where the arrest is made.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS

Unless otherwise Indicated below the geographic limitations are those as specified in 725 ILCS 5/107-9(e).

None

(Geographic Limitations)

BA RON PARK
Prosecutor
1949
Judge No.

Issued In Cook County

Ball Fixed at \$

Judge

No.

WITNESS: DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE COURT and the Seal thereof,

Dorothy Brown
Clerk of The Circuit Court

By

June 23, 2017
Deputy ClerkName Valdimar C. GRAY Alias
(First) (M.I.) (Last)
Residence 3425 West Chicago Avenue Chicago IL 60624
Street City or Town State Zip

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	D.O.B.	Age	Complexion	Build	Driver's License No.
M	Black	6' 02"	220 Lbs.	07 / 28 / 1987	29	Brown	Medium	G600-8638-7214
IR	CB/DCN	FBI	SID	Social Security	Forfeited Bond No.			
2339084	19413514			326809047				

Complainant's Name Investigator Charles GALEY #5598 Address 1718 South State Street, Annex, Chicago, IL 60616

Arresting Officer Star No. Agency/Unit Officer's Key

Reviewed By Prosecutor Audited By Clerk

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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CASE: 17110565001 DEFENDANT: VALDIMAR

GRAY

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CB: 019353439 IR: 2339084 SID:

FBI:

RD: 000000000

CHARGE INFORMATION

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DESCRIPTION
RECKLESS HOMICIDE

DISPOSITION INFORMATION

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NOTIFICATION OF MOTION

DOROTHY BROWN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
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COOK COUNTY, IL

Dated Received July 3, 2017 Date to be Heard July 6, 2017

Defendant's Name VALDIMAR GRAY

Case No. 2017110565001 Charge Reckless Homicide

Before Judge Presiding (Branch 66) Room 101 Regular Call _____
Specialty Call _____

Nature of Motion Motion to Reduce Bail Previously Issued Upon an Arrest Warrant

Requester's Name: Adam Sheppard
Address: 180 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2510
City/State/Zip: Chicago, IL 60601
Telephone: (312) 443-1233
Atty. No. (if applicable): 42387

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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Following the accident, the officers only initially issued citations for failure to yield to the right-of-way of a pedestrian in the crosswalk (625 ILCS 5/11-1002(2), failing to stop at a stop sign (City Ordinance 9-24-010(B)), failing to carry driver's license (although Mr. Gray did have valid driving privileges at the time in question)(625 ILCS 5/6-112), and failing to produce insurance (625 ILCS 5/3-707). Because Mr. Gray did not have a driver's license on his person, he was processed and fingerprinted at the Chicago Police Department. He was released on an I-bond on the same date. *See Ex. A* (I-bond, dated 12/22/16).

In compliance with his I-bond, Mr. Gray appeared in traffic court at the Daley Center. He appeared on February 7, 2017 and the case was initially continued to March 22, 2017. However, the State subsequently filed a Motion to Advance the traffic court case to February 17, 2017. On February 17, all counts were dismissed pursuant to the State's motion. *See Ex. B* (common law record from traffic court file).

Following the dismissal of the traffic court case, Mr. Gray received a voicemail from a detective at the Chicago Police Department and promptly responded through undersigned counsel. Over the past three months, Sheppard Law Firm has been in contact with the lead detective in this matter on Mr. Gray's behalf. Despite Mr. Gray's knowledge that charges may be forthcoming, he has never fled in any way. He has also been cooperative in

the civil lawsuit that the administrator of the decedent's estate filed against Amazon.Com LLC, Mr. Gray, and other defendants. (Case No. 17 L 000060).

Several individuals have submitted character letters on Mr. Gray's behalf (attached hereto as Group Exhibit C). A senior pastor, preacher, and other church officers, have submitted letters on his behalf. Other upstanding members of the community have also submitted letters. The letters repeatedly cite Mr. Gray's outstanding moral character and reveal his roots in the community.

Mr. Gray has no prior arrests. He resides in Chicago. His father also resides in Chicago. He had worked for Inxpax Shipping-Amazon until this incident. He has since obtained employment, as a security guard, with Securitas Security Services, located at 150 S. Wacker, Chicago. He earns \$11/hour. Even with overtime hours, he is typically unable to earn more than approximately \$1,000 every two weeks. After paying living expenses, he is financially unable to post the current bond.

ANALYSIS

The statutory factors to be considered in determining bail support a bond reduction in this matter:

- The defendant has no criminal history
- The "nature and circumstances of the offense charged" suggest that the vehicle accident was, in fact, a complete accident. There is no allegation that the defendant drove in excessive speeds. Nor is there sufficient evidence to suggest that he consciously disregarded a known risk.

- He has strong roots in the community. He resided in the community for his whole life; his family resides here; he works in Chicago. The attached letters demonstrate his involvement in the community.
- He has demonstrated his compliance with court orders. He appeared in traffic court on each court date pursuant to an I-bond and did not violate the terms thereof.

See 725 ILCS 5/110-5.

With respect to the amount of bail, the bail amount shall be:

- (1) Sufficient to assure compliance with the conditions set forth in the bail bond*.* *
- (2) Not oppressive
- (3) Considerate of the financial ability of the accused

See 725 ILCS 5/110-5(b)(1-3).

On information and belief, at the time the warrant was issued in this case, the defendant's present financial situation was not known. The First District Illinois Appellate Court has found that "[a] determination of defendant's present financial situation could well shed light on the question" of whether a particular bail amount is excessive as applied to a particular defendant. *See People v. Ealy*, 49 Ill. App.3d 922, 934 (1st Dist. 1977)(vacating defendant's \$50,000 bail on a robbery charge and remanding the matter for a new bail hearing so that the trial court may receive new information such as the financial ability of the accused to post bail).

WHEREFORE, defendant moves this Court to reduce bond to an amount that is sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to accomplish the purposes of bail.

Respectfully submitted:

Adam Sheppard

ADAM SHEPPARD

An Attorney for Defendant

BARRY D. SHEPPARD
ADAM J. SHEPPARD
SHEPPARD LAW FIRM, P.C.
180 N. LaSalle Street #2510
Chicago, Illinois 60601
(312) 443-1233
I.D. No. 22443
I.D. No. 42387

EXHIBITS

A. I-bond

B. Common Law Record

C. Character Letters

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

EXHIBIT A

RECOGNIZANCE: CRIMINAL OR QUASI-CRIMINAL

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ORIGIN OF BOND
USING AGENCY NO. _____

☐ Bail set by Rule of the Illinois Supreme Court OR
By _____
(PRINT NAME OF JUDGE) (JUDGE'S NO.)

(OFFICE USED) _____

DEFENDANT: YOUR RELEASE ON THIS BOND DOES NOT REQUIRE POSTING OF CASH OR SECURITIES FOR BAIL

BAIL AMOUNT
\$ _____

DEFENDANT (Person Preparing Bond - Always complete this section)

Full Name (PRINT) _____
(Last) (First) (MI)
Address (PRINT) _____
City and State (PRINT) _____ Zip Code _____

STATEMENT OF DEFENDANT: I understand and accept the terms and conditions set forth below. Further, I hereby certify that I understand the consequences of failure to appear for trial as required.

Defendant's Signature _____

COURT COMPLAINT OR INDICTMENT NUMBER(S)	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

DISPOSITION entered by (Signature of Deputy Clerk) _____ Hr. or Sub. CT _____ Court Date _____ MO _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____

COURT APPEARANCE: Defendant named above shall appear in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois located at:
Address (Number and Street) _____ City/Town/Village _____ Illinois
Branch No. _____ In Room No. _____ on _____ at _____ a.m. ☒ p.m.

CONDITIONS OF BOND: The defendant is hereby released on the conditions as indicated below:

- ☒ Appear to answer the charge in court until discharge or final order of court.
- ☒ Obey all court orders and process; not leave this State without permission of court and report changes of address to the Clerk within 24 hours.
- ☒ Not commit any criminal offenses while awaiting final order in this case.
- ☒ If on appeal, prosecute the appeal, and surrender to custody if the judgment is affirmed or a new trial is ordered.
- ☒ Surrender (725 ILCS 5/110-10(a)(5)) OR not possess any firearms or dangerous weapons until final order in this case.
- ☒ Not contact or communicate with any complaining witnesses or members of their immediate families or:
- ☒ Not go to the area or premises of victims/complaining witnesses home, work, school or:
- ☒ Not to indulge in intoxicating liquors, illegal drugs or certain drugs, to-wit:
- ☒ Undergo alcoholism or drug addiction treatment as ordered by the court.

- ☐ Undergo medical or psychiatric treatment as ordered by the court.
- ☐ If you are charged with a criminal offense and the victim is a family or household member, you are ordered to refrain from all contact or communication with:

for a minimum of 72 hours following release, and further ordered to refrain from entering and/or remaining at the location of:

for a minimum of 72 hours following release.

- ☐ Reside with parents or in a foster home, attend school or nonresidential program for youths, contribute to his/her support at home or in a foster home, observe curfew set by court.
- ☐ Report to and remain under the pretrial supervision of such agency or third-party custodian as ordered by the court.

☐ Other conditions: _____

FAILURE TO APPEAR - TRIAL IN ABSENTIA

If you have been charged with an offense that is classified as a felony, your failure to appear constitutes a waiver of your rights to confront witnesses and to be present at your trial. A trial could proceed and if found guilty the court could impose a sentence in your absence.

FAILURE TO APPEAR - BAIL JUMPING

Your failure to appear may result in the filing of an additional charge of Bail Jumping. Sentences imposed upon conviction for this offense shall be served consecutively to sentences imposed for convictions related to the original offenses for which you were admitted to bail.

VIOLATION OF OTHER CONDITIONS - POSSIBLE PENALTIES

Violating any of the conditions indicated on bond may result in the issuance of an arrest warrant for your arrest, forfeiture of bail, judgment for the full amount of the bail set by the court, revocation of this bail, imposition of additional conditions, an increase in the bail amount and/or the filing of an additional charge of violation of the conditions of bail. Felony offenses committed while admitted to bail are subject to consecutive sentencing upon conviction relative to a sentence imposed upon conviction of the original offenses for which you were admitted to bail.

☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. Hour _____
Date _____
Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

This bail bond form was prepared by:

(Signature of Peace Officer)

Star No. _____

Police Dept. _____

(CPD District No. or Suburban City, Town, or Village)

Or Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, by _____

(Signature of Deputy Clerk)

Loc. _____

(Branch or Suburban Court)

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COURT FILE COPY

ATTACH THIS COPY TO THE COMPLAINT AND ARREST REPORT OR TO THE WARRANT AND FORWARD ALL PAPERS TO THE BRANCH OR HEADQUARTERS WHERE PERTINENT CASE IS ASSIGNED. COURT CLERK WILL ATTACH THIS COPY TO COURT FILE.

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2-7-17	TVB	402	100

ATTORNEY _____ CODE NO. #47135

Judge Susana L. Ortiz

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NOTICE: Any person who knowingly and without lawful authority, alters, destroys, defaces, removes or conceals any document, evidence or exhibit that is part of the official court record commits a felony (720 ILCS 5/32-8)

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

DL YES ☐ NO ☐

DCN # _____

Clerk of the Circuit Court

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EXHIBIT B



St. Andrew AME Zion Church
749 Chase St
Gary, IN 46404
(219) 944-8285

Rev. Steven D. Floyd, Pastor
Rev. Joel D. Miles, Presiding Elder
 June 28, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

I Rev. Steven Floyd Senior Pastor of the St. Andrew AMEZ Church am writing to you on behalf of our supporter and friend Mr. Valdimar Gray. I would just like to share with you the uplifting, caring, hard-working young man Mr. Gray is. Ever since the first day I met him around 11 years ago, he has been a hardworking, head strong, family oriented young man. He really, really loves his family and church and would do whatever he can to make sure they both have what they need done, before he does much for himself. He has been a positive role model that the younger men can look up to and open up about if there was something they didn't feel they could talk directly to their families about. He also spoke on positive things to keep him focused, when times wasn't so easy for him and his family, but he never went backwards, he just dealt with life, and tried to make things better for anyone who he came in contact with. I have never seen him doing anything that could have got him in trouble; he always keeps a smile on his face, and is always talking about bettering himself on a daily basis. He makes sure he keeps himself employed, so that he could continue to provide for himself and his family, and anyone else who might need his help. We all know that Valdimar would not intentionally hurt anyone on purpose, because he just loves and cares for everyone he encounters. So we as a church family are asking that he can be given a lesser Bond, so that he may be able to go home and continue to be productive and work, to take care of his family. We are by no means not hurting just as much everyone else hurting even on today, but we know that this is not the Valdimar we know and highly respect.. I stand 100% behind him on whatever he needs from me, because I believe he still have so much to offer his community and the children he spends so much time with.

Sincerely,

Rev. Steven Floyd Sr., St. Andrew AMEZ Church, Senior Pastor

APRIL 27, 2017

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

DEAR JUDGE,

My name is Kenneth Johnson and I hold the office of Senior Preacher Steward, and I would like to talk about Mr. Valdimar Gray. Mr. Valdimar Gray is an outstanding person, with a great outlook on life. He is often seen working with our youth, whenever he can. I always see a crowd of the neighborhood kids surrounding him, laughing, running, walking, and sitting with him. We love that he is so attentive to the young male's encounters, he is always telling them that hard work really does pay off, and that you can't afford to not go to school and not get a good education. He is always willing to advocate for anyone he feels need help and feel like they can't talk with their parents. Valdimar regularly shows the kids how to play basketball, and learn the rules of the game. He is just an all-around good young man who Chicago needs to help with our youth. There are so many other things I am sure he could be doing with his time, but he continues to make time for other people, even when he works 2 jobs or when he had a heavy schedule. We need many more young men like him to stand up and do something different with their lives to become more productive citizens. On today I hope that everyone can see this young man as a person who genuinely cares for people, and would not want to see anyone hurting for any reason. He is a good person for all of us that have gotten the chance to meet and embrace him, and we just hope and pray that he can continue to be a productive part of our church and community....

Submitted By

Kenneth Johnson

Preacher Steward Blackwell Israel Samuel Church

Conductor Union Pacific Railroad



St Andrew AME Zion Church

*749 Chase St
Gary, IN 46404
(219) 944-8285*

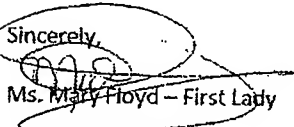
*Rev. Steven D. Floyd, Pastor
Rev. Joel D. Miles, Presiding Elder
June 28, 2017*

To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Judge:

My name is Ms. Mary Floyd and I am writing this letter to show support for our good friend, and supporter of our church Valdimar C. Gray. He is a very focused, loving, helpful, and giving person who will give you the shirt off of his back if he needed to. He is a family man who loves his family like no other, and will do anything that they need him to do. He loves being a part of our church, and working wherever we need him to be on any given day. I have seen how he would go out of his way to take care of his mother and brother, when things got a little rough for them. He would work 2 jobs and attend school to help support his family and still get his education that he could have easily put on hold given that he was working 2 jobs, but he kept himself focused, and did what he had to do. Valdimar loves hanging with his friends and family when he is not working. He loves to play basketball, softball, watch all kinds of sports, and do his commentator thing with the youth while watching the games. I know Valdimar to be just an all-around good person, who has a bright future in front of him. He is very kindness is very addictive to whomever he comes in contact with. I am asking that Valdimar be given a lesser bond amount on today. So that he can go back to work to help support his family, so that they can remain healthy and strong. We all know that things happen in one's life that if beyond our control, and yes we know that this was truly nothing he saw coming that day, that would change his life from that point on, and we truly are hurting as well for the families involved as well, because we know no one ever wants to hear something like that, but we know that deep down he is hurting, reliving this day everyday as well. So on today I am asking that he be able to have the right to be heard and seen, and able to leave with his family and continue to be a productive citizen in his neighborhood, as well as in his church. He is definitely one of God's Angels here on earth.

Sincerely,


Ms. Mary Floyd - First Lady

St. Andrew AMEZ Church.

APRIL 25, 2017

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

HI, MY NAME IS NATASHA JOHNSON, AND I AM AN OFFICER AND FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THE BLACKWELL ISRAEL CHURCH IN CHICAGO, AND I AM WRITING THIS LETTER ON ONE OF OUR TRUE SUPPORTERS AND FRIEND MR. VALDIMAR GRAY. IT IS SO MANY GOOD THINGS I CAN SAY ABOUT THIS YOUNG MAN HERE. HE IS DEFINITELY A GOOD PERSON WITH GOOD CHARACTER, AND EVEN GREATER CHARACTERISTICS. HE HAVES A SPECIAL LOVE FOR THE YOUNG MEN IN THE CHURCH, IN WHICH HE DOESN'T EVER MIND SPENDING TIME WITH THEM, HE OFTEN CAN BE SEEN PLAYING BASKETBALL WITH THEM, OR JUST TELLING THEM HOW TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE, AND TO HANG WITH PEOPLE THAT HAVE GOOD INTENTIONS IN LIFE. HE WILL TELL THEM OF HIS UPBRINGING AND HOW LIFE WAS SOMETIME HARD FOR HIM AND HIS FAMILY AND THAT HE COULD HAVE HAD CHOSEN TO DO OTHER THINGS TO MAKE MONEY, BUT HE DIDN'T GO THAT ROUTE, HE CHOSE TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND GET A JOB OR TWO TO HELP SUPPORT HIS FAMILY. THIS IS A PERSON WHO HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD OF HIM, AND WILL DEFINITELY GO AHEAD AND MAKE HIS MOTHER AND BROTHER PROUD OF HIM. WE KNOW THAT BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE, AND WE KNOW THAT HE IS TRULY SORRY FOR THE GRIEF THAT THE FAMILY IS FEELING, AND WISH HE COULD LET THEM KNOW THAT. I'M SURE HE THINKS ABOUT THAT DAY EVERYDAY AS WELL, AND FEEL THE PAIN AS WELL. WE KNOW THAT GOD IS GOOD, AND THAT HE WILL HUMBLE US ALL TO CONTINUE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER IN THRU TRYING TIMES SUCH AS THIS. I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS IS A YOUNG MAN WHO TRULY CARES ABOUT HIS COUNTRY, HIS NEIGHBORHOOD, HIS COMMUNITY, HIS FRIENDS, HIS FAMILY, AND EVERYONE HE COMES IN CONTACT WITH, AND I HOPE AND PRAY THAT HE BE LOOKED UPON AS THE GREAT PERSON HE REALLY IS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

SIS. NATASHA JOHNSON

T-TASHA DAYCARE OWNER

BLACKWELL ISRAEL SAMUEL CHURCH



St Luke AME Zion Church
1300 Jackson Street St
Gary, IN 46407
(219) 883-2481

Rev. Donald R. James
Rev. Joel D. Miles, Presiding Elder

April 27, 2017

To whom it may concern,

I have known Vladimar Gray since he has been in high school and he has been nothing but a gentleman. I have not known of Vladimar to be involved in any trouble or criminal activity in the past. Growing up in Chicago is already hard for young black men and Vladimar has exceeded the expectation of a young successful black male. He has been involved with the senior citizens at Blackwell Israel Samuel church for quite some time, until his longtime girlfriend's father became pastor at Saint Andrews A.M.E Zion church in Gary, IN. For the past 15 years of knowing Vladimar, he has been respectful to his elders and ambitious for his future. He has establish a positive lifestyle and has a great support system to back him up. Vladimar is caring, sensitive, and will never do anything to intentionally harm anyone. I ask that you take Vladimar's character into consideration when determining his sanction. Please understand that he is not a troubled person and has worked really hard to get to this place in his life. Vladimar has displayed an exemplifying record, and there are so many other negative things that guys his age could be doing, but he decided to go a different route. I ask that you please offer leniency with your decision in this matter. Thank You!

Signed,

Aretha Oliver- James First Lady

St. Luke AMEZ Church



*St Luke AME Zion Church
1300 Jackson Street St
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(219) 883-2481*

*Rev. Donald R. James
Rev. Joel D. Miles, Presiding Elder*

To whom it may concern,

My name is Rev. Donald R. James, I'm writing this character letter on behalf of Vladimir Gray.

Val (as affectionally called) has always been a trust worthy, stand up young man for as long as I have known him, which has been the better part of 10 years or so. From what I've seen of Val he has always been a mild manner young man in which I have never witness any disrespect of any individual on his part. He has always been helpful when it comes down to assisting his fellow man and humanity. Val would never intentionally cause harm to come to anyone because he cares about people. In closing I will say Val is someone I know as a compliment to mankind and a productive individual of society. He's kind, trustworthy and a great young man.

*Rev. Donald R. James
Senior Pastor
St. Luke AMEZ Church*

June 30, 2017

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter on the behalf of Mr. Valdimar Gray. When Mr. Gray originally inquired as to whether or not I would write him a character reference, my immediate response was how could I not formally praise him and share his enduring work ethic, generosity and outstanding personality.

First and foremost, Mr. Gray operates with the upmost integrity. He is not only a person that is dependable and congenial, he is also a person that is guided by good morals. He is quite professional and has an impeccable capability of following through, especially in times of crisis.

As a business owner, I have had to deal with many people of diverse cultural, educational, and socioeconomic levels. I specifically remember on one occasion, I was in deperate need of direction and vision for a business venture that I had embarked upon which was quickly going down a negative path due to my lack of knowledge for the clientele with which I was involved and their lack of cooperation for the recognizing and resolving the multitude of obstacles we were facing. By chance, I divulged my crisis to Mr. Gray, he was able to not only inspire me but he also assisted me in finding a new direction towards resolving my issues by (1) providing his expertise in the matter, (2) aiding in opening the communication channels; as well as (3) calling upon various relevant documented and professional resources. His involvement was crucial and helped lead me down a path of success. His approach was always professional and within reason. He had an impeccable knack of looking at the various situations and the possibilities at both the general scale and the broad horizon envisioning short-term and long-term actions and resolutions.

If you would like to speak with me directly, do not hesitate to contact me at (773) 425-6580.

Regards,
Tyron Hudson
Hudson's Catering and Event Planning

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Harvey Williams, 28-year-old Chicagoan, and college graduate from Lincoln University of Missouri. I am in between careers as a part time mover and previously a Data Entry Agent for a startup company located in the downtown area. I have had the honor of knowing Mr. Gray for 5+ years now through a mutual friend. Since first meeting him he has always been a person of great spirit, determination, and respect for all he encounters.

Through the years he has become a great asset to the community located on the west side of Chicago. He had helped those who seek steady employment through giving job referrals and being a character reference, as well as a big brother figure to the youth by participating in neighbor block functions for children such as back to school drives, summer block activities for children, and just by being a spot-on mentor to children that come to our local barbershop here in West Town.

I was informed of the incident that has plagued Mr. Gray since December and we have talked about it and how he has felt about it. He feels a tremendous amount of sympathy for the family. He has shown great remorse and still does to this day. I for one feel sorry for him, but we all feel a great deal of sorrow for the family in the loss of their matriarch due to the tragic chain of events that occurred that day.

I do humbly ask that you show mercy and empathy towards Mr. Gray in considering his bail amount. Even though he beats himself up regarding the incident, I feel that this was merely an accident and ask that this be taken into consideration as well. Valdimar is an important pillar to our community and extended family on the west side, his presence is absolutely necessary, and he is needed greatly here. Based on my knowledge of the situation, he has been cooperative with police and investigators since the day of the unfortunate accident.

Mr. Gray has been a friend, a brother, and a confidant since I have met him in 2012. In short, I do ask again that his influence of being an ideal male figure in our community, a community that so desperately needs men like him, be taken into consideration as well.

Sincerely,

Harvey Williams

Electronic signature

▪ To Whom it May Concern,

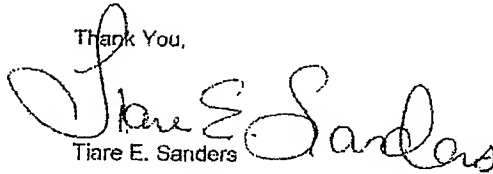
April 28, 2017

Hello. I am writing in reference to Valdamir Gray, who is appearing before your court.

Valdimir, asked me to write a character reference letter, but the truth us that I was already planning to do so before the request. I feel strongly about Valdimir and his future, and I hope you to feel the same way.

Valdimar is a person of good moral character. I realize that might seem hard to believe, given the circumstances, but it's true nonetheless. I have known Val for over 10 years and in that time I have seen him through ups and downs, growing from a teenager into a young man. I have been convinced that he a genuinely good person at the core. He has been an uncle figure and big brother to all three of my sons. He faithfully attends church and has assisted in projects to help build his community. He needs more people to believe in him so that he can become the person I know he can be. With that being said I hope you can see the real person Valdimar is, as we have all seen many years.....

Thank You,


Tiare E. Sanders

APRIL 25, 2017

To whom it may Concern,

On behalf of Val, that's what I call him, or Valdimar Gray, I ask that you have leniency on this young aspiring young man, every since I met him he has been very kind, respectful, caring, and helpful to me and my family. He is always well kept, and minds his own business. He doesn't mind working hard for what he wants in life, he is not a bad person by no means, he has always been very courteous to others around him. I believe he is truly sorry for what has occurred, and that he would love to tell the family how sorry he is to see them have to go thru this as well. He cares about everybody who he comes in contact with. He is not the person, some might want to believe they think he is, he wouldn't hurt a fly on a wall. We are asking that he be able to continue to be at home with his family, and continue to be a role model for the youth in the community.

Liz Sanders



Maypole Chicago

April 26, 2017

Dear Judge:

I am writing to you this morning on behalf of Mr. Valdimar Gray, whom I have known for over 12 years. Over the past 12 years I have known him to be a good law abiding citizen, who really cared about his family and his community, he would often be seen helping the smaller children play sports, or spend time playing video games with them, so they would not have to be outside hanging out on the corners, or getting into trouble. He was very passionate about helping his family as much as he could, and one dream of his was to be able to move his mom and his little brother to a better neighborhood, where they would be able to sit on their porch and not be afraid, or be able to walk up and down the block without fear on any shootings. He didn't mind working 2 or 3 jobs to help his family or friends out. He cared just as much about them as he thought of himself. I have always seen him with a smile on his face, and would hear him laugh really loud when he was excited about playing or watching sports. I know he is a hardworking young man, who wants to continue with his goals and dreams he put into place. I am asking if you would please see the good person he is and see that his family needs him as well as his friends. He is just not that type of careless person who doesn't care about other people, he would see a older person walking with grocery that was too heavy for them, and immediately walked over to them to help them out, and they would always smile and say they were grateful for the help. In today's world it is hard to find kind, caring young men of his stature. I know for a fact that he has a lot to offer our community today, tomorrow, and in the future.

Respectfully,

Sharon Grear

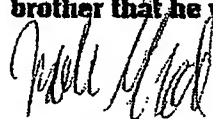
Sharon Grear

Long Time Friend

June 29, 2017

Dear Judge,

I am writing to support my friend, my brother Valdimar Gray. He is a great person, who would not harm anyone or anything, even if they something to hurt him. I'm am so sorry to see him having to go this ordeal he is going thru, because I know deep in my heart, that he is just hurting so bad for the family as well. He has been around me for many years and I have grown to have a special bond with him, he is Always so protective of me, and is always showing me how to do things the right way. We often would sit down and talk for hours about basketball, and NBA draft, and football. He was often around when the games came on, and we would eat pizza, drink sodas and have a great time with friends. I know from being around him that he doesn't mind working hard to better himself. He often talks about being able to go back to school and get his degree, so he could get a career job, with a MORE BRIGHTER future. He loves all the people he comes in contact with, he makes us all feel so comfortable around him. No matter what I have going on in my life he always have time to talk with me and give me good advice even when I don't want to listen. I want him to continue to be here with us helping us make good decisions, and be that big brother that he will always be.



Jalen Floyd

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Diamond G., and I am a longtime friend of Mr. Gray's. I received both my bachelor's and master's in accounting from Southern Illinois University. I am currently employed as a Certified Public Accountant in the state of Illinois, and employed with one of the largest accounting firms in the city of Chicago.

My relationship with Val has blossomed last year of high since our senior year of high school, and throughout the years, he has become a brother of mine, and stepped in when I had no one else at the time.

He is an extremely reliable and caring person. He has always tried to maintain a humble and optimistic attitude, despite all of the opposition he has faced in his lifetime. He's always been the one that we all go to when we need advice or a listening ear, or helping people find resources in the city.

His long-term goal is to attend trade school so that he can establish a better life for him and his family members, whom he has worked to provide for since graduating high school.

In regards to the matter at hand, please believe me when I say that Val is full of sadness due to this incident, and wishes nothing more than to express his condolences to the family. Although he hasn't been able to share it with them, he is truly hurt that they are hurting due to this incident.

When considering bail, please take into consideration the fact that Val's major goal and purpose in life was to provide for him and his family. And that if he is unable to remain free to continue to work, then he, his family, and their community will all suffer a tremendous loss.

Thank you,

Diamond G. (C.P.A)

Diamond G.
Chicago, IL

Your Honor,

I have known Valdimar for over 10 years, as we met at the beginning of senior year in high school. He has been a friend of the family for even longer, so he is truly revered as one of our own.

Throughout the past 10 years I have watched Val grow from a goofy teenager into a respectful young man. I have also had the pleasure of watching him mature from a determined boyfriend into a dedicated significant other.

Over the past 10 years we've been dating, he has maintained steady employment mostly within the security industry, as well as the credentials. And even when having to switch positions or companies, he has never gone longer than a couple of months without full-time employment. At times, he was worked up to 3 jobs in order to maintain a stable lifestyle for himself and his family. Recently, he decided to change career fields because he felt like it would enable him to be even more of a provider for his family and finally move his mom to a better neighborhood, as this has been a life-long goal of his. His motivation for becoming a delivery driver was really a selfless act.

We were together while I attended undergrad, with me being on campus hours away, and him staying put in Chicago. Throughout those 4 years, he worked diligently in order to not only help provide for himself and his family, but me as well. He supported me when I was unable to support myself due to academic and time constraints.

We were together while I worked on my Masters and stressed myself sick while in a rigorous teacher training program. And again, through this time he was there for me both financially, mentally, and emotionally.

We have been together these past 5 years as I have served as a teacher in the inner-city. And true to character, he has supported me throughout all of the trials, and rejoiced with me in the wins. He is respected and loved by all of my coworkers that I have introduced him to, and admired as a big brother by all of the students we have forged lifetime relationships with.

So I write this letter to support him just as he has supported me for the last decade—making sure to note that as he worked to support me, he's also worked to support his mother, father, grandmother, and siblings—often taking their needs and situations into consideration before his own.

He is beloved by everyone he connects with and brings joy and laughter to all that are fortunate enough to engage with him. His smile is contagious and his laugh is reassuring, so it makes sense that he's also the first one that his friends and family go to for advice, reassurance, and an optimistic perspective.

But ever since the occurrence of this incident, he has laughed a whole lot less and his smile has become a rare sight. He is truly torn by this tragic accident and carries his pain and empathy for the Escamilla family's loss with him each and every day. To this day he still has trouble sleeping at night--jerked out of his sleep by nightmares--and becomes startled when you interrupt the thoughts and visions that continually play through his mind. I have seen him cry more these past 6 months than I've ever seen him laugh at his favorite comedy. It's especially difficult to stand by as he shares that he's worried that his reputation will be tarnished, and the foundation that he's been working to build for himself and his loved ones will simply crumble underneath him.

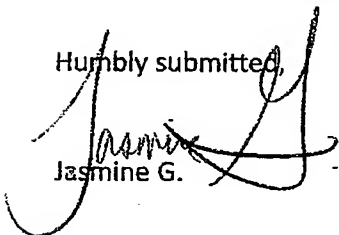
When I try to console him as he experiences one of his breakdowns, he always hugs me, places his chin on top of my head and proclaims, "I was just trying to make you all proud. I just wanted to do more for you all." To which I can only respond, "I know."

For nearly 30 years, he has prided himself on being an African-American man fortunate enough to not fall victim to his circumstances or neighborhood while keeping a clean record, only to now be plagued by threats of physical retaliation as a result of this tragedy.

Please allow Valdimar the opportunity to be released so that he can continue to be supported by his family members during these trying times as he has worked to support us throughout the years.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Humbly submitted,


Jasmine G.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The People of Illinois
Plaintiff

COMPLAINT FOR PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

v.

NO. 17-105650-

Valdimar C. GRAY

Defendant

Investigator C. GALEY #5598 for the State of Illinois

complainant, now appears before

(Complainant's Name Printed or Typed)

The Circuit Court of Cook County and states that

Valdimar C. GRAY

3425 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

has, on or about

(Defendant)

(Address)

December 22, 2016

at

2801 S. Drake Ave., City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois

(Date)

(Place of offense)

committed the offense of Reckless Homicide (motor vehicle) in that he/she
drove a motor vehicle, to wit: a 2016 Nissan NV1500 van, with a willful and wanton disregard for the safety of
others, to wit: driving too fast for conditions in a residential area, disregarding multiple stop signs, failing to make
a left turn when safe and failing to exercise due care to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, which caused the death of
another, to wit: Telesfora ESCAMILLA.

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COOK COUNTY } ss.

being first duly sworn, he
complaint by him/her subscribed and that the same is true.

C. Galey #5598
(Complainant's Signature)

1718 S. State St., Chicago, IL 312-745-4521
(Complainant's Address) (Telephone No.)

Investigator C. GALEY #5598 for the State of Illinois
(Complainant's Name Printed or Typed)

C. Galey #5598
(Complainant's Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me

22nd day of June

2017

P. Brown P.O. #13130 CM 008
(Judge or Clerk)

I have examined the above complaint and the person presenting the same and have heard evidence thereon, and am satisfied that there is probable cause for filing same. Leave is given to file said complaint.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

